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case of an employee not entitled to basic pay, other authorized pay.

## § 17.107 Procedures for salary offset: imposition of interest.

Interest will be charged in accordance with the Federal Claims Collection Standards as provided in 31 CFR 901.9.

### §17.109 Nonwaiver of rights.

So long as there are no statutory or contractual provisions to the contrary, no employee involuntary payment (of all or a portion of a debt) collected under these regulations will be interpreted as a waiver of any rights that the employee may have under 5 U.S.C. 5514 or any other provision of contract or law.

#### §17.111 Refunds.

The Department will refund promptly to the appropriate individual amounts offset under these regulations when:

- (a) A debt is waived or otherwise found not owing the United States (unless expressly prohibited by statute or regulation); or
- (b) The Department is directed by an administrative or judicial order to refund amounts deducted from the employee's current pay.

### §17.113 Miscellaneous provisions: correspondence with the Department.

The employee shall file a request for a hearing with the Clerk, OA, 409 3rd Street SW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20024, on official work days between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. (or such other address as HUD may provide by notice from time to time). All other correspondence shall be submitted to the Departmental Claims Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410 (or such other officer or address as HUD may provide by notice from time to time). Documents may be filed by personal delivery or mail.

# PART 18—INDEMNIFICATION OF HUD EMPLOYEES

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

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#### § 18.1 Policy.

- (a) The Department of Housing and Urban Development may indemnify, in whole or in part, a Department employee (which for the purpose of this part includes a former Department employee) for any verdict, judgment or other monetary award which is rendered against any such employee, provided the Secretary or his or her designee determines that:
- (1) The conduct giving rise to the verdict, judgment or award was taken within the scope of his or her employment with the Department; and
- (2) Such indemnification is in the interest of the United States.
- (b) The Department of Housing and Urban Development may settle or compromise a personal damage claim against a Department employee by the payment of available funds, at any time, provided the Secretary or his or her designee determines that:
- (1) The alleged conduct giving rise to the personal damage claim was taken within the scope of employment; and
- (2) That such settlement or compromise is in the interest of the United States.
- (c) Absent exceptional circumstances, as determined by the Secretary or his or her designee, the Department will not entertain a request either to agree to indemnify or to settle a personal damage claim before entry of an adverse verdict, judgment or monetary award.
- (d) When an employee of the Department becomes aware that an action has been filed against the employee in his or her individual capacity as a result of conduct taken within the scope of his or her employment, the employee should immediately notify his or her supervisor that such an action is pending. The supervisor shall promptly notify the head of his or her operating component and the Associate General Counsel for Litigation and Fair Housing Enforcement, if the supervisor is